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Madam:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent Office of the document which is listed on the attached sheet of Form PTO/SB/08A. This IDS includes documents which were cited in an Office Action prepared by the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart application. Copies of all foreign reference and their English translation abstracts are enclosed.

Submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such documents constitute prior art against the claims of the instant application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the instant application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this information disclosure statement is being filed concurrently with a request for continued examination and, therefore, no fees are believed due, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection with the submission of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

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